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CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: TRAINING FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07		

PURPOSE:

To provide correctional staff with information relating to potential emergencies, appropriate responses to life-threatening situations, and for early detection of illness and injury.

POLICY:

1. A health-related training program, developed thru the DOC Training Academy, Employee Development Center, (EDC) in cooperation with the Office of Health Services and the vendors' Health Services Administrator, Medical Director, is provided for correctional officers who work with inmates. Refer to DOC Policy 9.8.

2. Health services staff will assist with training sessions as requested by the EDC.

3. Training(s) may include:

    a. First Aid.

    b. Recognizing the need for emergency care in life-threatening situations, (e.g., suicide, heart attacks, intoxication and withdrawal).

    c. Recognizing acute manifestations of chronic illness (e.g., seizures, diabetes and adverse reactions to medication).

    d. Procedures for suicide prevention.

    e. Recognizing symptoms of mental illness.

    f. Precautions and procedures with respect to infectious and communicable diseases.

    g. CPR.

    h. Methods of obtaining assistance and referral to appropriate medical healthcare providers.

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4. Documentation, and Training, will be maintained by the EDC Training Office.

5. The appropriateness of health related training is verified by outline and length of course presented and is maintained by the EDC.

6. Health related training will be offered to the officers at least every two years. A minimum of 75% of individual shift staff will have completed the required health related training.

References:

National Commission on Correctional Health Care: Standards for Health Services in Prisons, 2003, P-C-04

American Correctional Association: Standards for Adult Correctional Institutions, 4th Edition, 2003. 4-4082